

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action and Applicants' Reply

Claims 1-19 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,080,219. Office Action, p. 2.

On March 2, 2004, concurrently with the filing of this patent application, applicants submitted a Terminal Disclaimer to disclaim the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,080,219. This Terminal Disclaimer, however, does not appear in the Patent and Trademark Office file wrapper for this patent application. Accordingly, applicants are resubmitting herewith a courtesy copy of the March 2, 2004 Terminal Disclaimer, along with a copy of the front and back of the return receipt postcard, indicating the Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the Terminal Disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully submit that the March 2, 2004 Terminal Disclaimer obviates the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-19 for double patenting, and therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 1-19 are patentable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

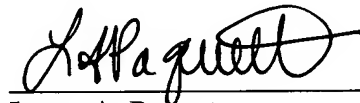
Authorization

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Reply, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Director is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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